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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicant would like to bring the

following publications to the attention of the Examiner:

FOREIGN PATENTS

(1) WO 96 26283 A, published August 29, 1996

- (2) WO 89 10396 A, published November 2, 1989
- (3) WO 91 02069 A, published February 21, 1991
- (4) WO 95 34634 A, published December 21, 1995

PUBLICATIONS

(5) Hartley R. W., "Barnase and Barstar Expression of Its Cloned Inhibitor Permits Expression of a Cloned Ribonuclease", <u>Journal of Molecular Biology</u>, vol. 202, no. 4, 1988, pages 913 - 915

A copy of each of these documents is enclosed. Also enclosed are two copies of a PTO-1449 for the Examiner's convenience.

Since this IDS is being filed before issuance of a first Office Action on the merits, it is submitted that no fee for filing this document is required.

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The relevance of these publications is as follows. Each of these publications was cited in the international search report for the corresponding PCT application. A copy of the search report which discusses the relevance of these publications, is enclosed to assist the Examiner.

Consideration of the documents contained in the IDS is earnestly solicited.

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